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Denise Gilbert looks on as The Big E's mascot, BiggiE, high fives a youngster. The Agawam resident has served as the mascot's "eyes and ears" at the fair for the past seven years.

The Big E

A lifelong tradition for many Agawam residents

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM - Agawam residents have been making the annual trek to The Big E a tradition for decades. But few are likely to match how long an Agawam couple has made it one of their favorite fall activities.

Frank and Millie Mazzie have never missed The Big E in 81 years. Married for 62 years, the Mazzies have attended since they were in grade school. The fair holds many fond memories for them, but this year was a lot more memorable.

During a reception for Agawam town officials and representatives to honor The Big E's annual "Salute to Agawam" day on Sept. 24, the Mazzies received the Friend of the Big E award. It recognized their longstanding support of the fair.

They were "quite surprised" and "grateful" to receive the award. Millie, who turned 90 in August, and Frank, who turns 90 in October, said, "The Big E keeps us 90 years young." With season passes, they usually spend several hours at the fair daily.

The Mazzies enjoy The Big E's agricultural aspects – especially

seeing the draft horses – and spend time walking the fairgrounds and touring the New England state buildings. Dianne Vecchiarelli, the couple's only daughter, said her parents became well-known to fairgoers and The Big E's officials.

"Greg Chiecko, the fair's director of sales, has known my parents for more than 15 years," Vecchiarelli said. "He would see them watching the parade and struck up a friendship with them. Greg and

Noreen Tassinari, director of marketing for the fair, were instrumental in making this award happen."

The Mazzies have made The Big E a three-generation tradition. Vecchiarelli, 43, also an Agawam resident, has attended every year since she was born. Now, she's carrying on the family tradition with her son, Domenic, 10. "He loves the fair, too," she said. "My husband, Peter, and Domenic walked in the parade with the Agawam Junior Warriors Football Team."

Vecchiarelli said The Big E holds great memories for her and her parents.

"We're looking forward to celebrating their 100th birthday here," she said.

The annual day that The Big E celebrates Agawam – a tradition

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Golf course management walks out on workshop

Mayor slates second meeting

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Mayor Richard Cohen has intervened in a budding dispute between the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and the city council.

A workshop that was supposed to provide the foundation for answering questions about the lack of revenues at the golf course only left the Agawam City Council with more questions after management of the golf course walked out of the meeting with their attorney.

Golf Course Director Tony Roberto, Course Superintendent Daniel Shea, and Attorney Mike Wallace, representing the administrative union for the town represented the golf course. The workshop was held on Monday night at Agawam Public Library.

Instead of discussing eight questions posed by councilors in a memorandum to golf course officials, Wallace spoke up instead for Roberto and Shea. He insisted all the answers to their questions were in a packet of information given to councilors. The packet was at least 60 pages long and councilors were seeing it for the first time that night.

"The pages speak for themselves," Wallace said. "We are here to have a workshop about the betterment of the course."

Wallace and the golf course management refused to answer any questions in reference to the packet of information. Wallace demanded the council just review the information.

"We did not come to this meeting to be attacked," said Wallace. "The questions that were raised were interrogatory and we have answered them."

Three Agawam City Councilors, Council President Christopher

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Residents get first look at sidewalk improvements

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The town of Agawam is using funds from their first Community Development Block Grant in more than 25 years to design new sidewalks on Springfield Street.

Residents of the neighborhoods surrounding Springfield Street got

their first look at the preliminary sidewalk designs at an informational meeting held last Thursday night at the Agawam Senior Center. More than 5,700 linear feet sidewalk (a little more than a mile) on both sides of road starting at the Mill Street intersection are part of the project. As part of completing in the preliminary design, project architects wanted to seek public input on the plans.

Andrew Loew, a senior planner

from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, said he is hoping the public will be able to provide some good feedback to help the design move forward. The PVPC worked with Agawam and East Longmeadow to secure block grant funding, and is managing the sidewalk design.

Craig Miller, president of Waterfield Design Group in Winchester, says safety will be the main focus

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Water-damaged properties set for cleanup

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Springfield Water and Sewer department will complete an \$80,000 cleanup effort to correct issues caused by a water main break in August.

The main area of damage occurred on two properties located on North West Street near Provin

Mountain. The water main break caused a lot of damage and also hurt wetlands in the vicinity of the two damaged properties. The damage includes eroded stream banks, flooded wetlands and yard damages.

A plan was presented last Thursday night to the Agawam Conservation Commission and was approved by the board. Board chairman Henry Kozloski said his

board will be closely monitoring the cleanup and will be making sure the work is done properly and the homeowners have been satisfied.

Springfield Water and Sewer has a water pipeline that runs services to several surrounding communities, including Ludlow, East Longmeadow and Longmeadow. Agawam and Springfield also re-

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Wood named Big E 'Host of the Day'

AGAWAM - Sarah Wood, of Agawam, was presented the Host of the Day award Sept. 20 by Eastern States Exposition President Eugene J. Cassidy. Wood, an information booth employee at Visitors Center East, has been an asset to the Eastern States staff for the past 14 years. The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Wood was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E. She received 2014 Big E commemorative gifts and the new Host of the Day award, the "BiggiE," at the surprise presentation. This new trophy is the Big E's version of the Oscar sculpted in the likes of The Big E mascot. The ceremony was attended by fair officers, managers and co-workers. "We have very high quality people working at the Eastern States," Cassidy said. "You are a wonderful representative for Eastern States Exposition and we are very grateful to have you on our team."



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Sarah Wood, right, receives the Host of the Day award at The Big E in West Springfield, Mass., from ESE President & CEO, Eugene J. Cassidy.

The Big E, New England's Grandest Fair ended Sept. 28 in West Springfield, Mass. Next year's dates are Sept. 18-Oct. 4.

Howe to speak at APL

AGAWAM - Katherine Howe returns to the Agawam Public Library with two new exciting titles – Conversion and The Penguin Book of Witches – Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

Conversion is a young adult crossover novel set in Danvers, Mass. which was inspired by events from historic Salem Village in the 1600's and modern day Le Roy, New


York. The Penguin Book of Witches, out just in time for the Halloween season, is an edited collection of real-life accounts of witches.

For more information and to read an excerpt, go to www.katherinehowe.com. Call 789-1550 x4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org to register. Both books will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

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‘WALK FOR LOVE’



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AGAWAM - Debbie MacDougall and her son, Jacob, 8, of Agawam, get ready to participate in the “Walk for Love” to benefit Shriners Hospital, where Jacob is a patient. They raised \$900 to support Shriners in the fundraising event.

Volunteers sought for ‘Stockings for Soldiers’



Turley Publications courtesy photo
State Sen. Don Humason delivers a filled stocking to Hidden Treasures in Agawam as part of its “Stocking for Soldiers” fundraising campaign.

Cooper’s Commons to host open house

AGAWAM - Cooper’s Commons of 159 and 161 Main St., Agawam will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to start an open house for the new Agawam business community Saturday, Oct. 4. A photo opportunity for tenants, local and state officials will be held at 9:30 a.m., with light refreshments following. Open house hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with business owners on hand to meet with the public and discuss what their businesses offer.

The historic red building, with the white horse and carriage, is a majestic landmark in the Pioneer Valley. It is widely recognized and admired for its Italianate architecture. The original house was built in 1861 by Robert Cooper. In the 1950’s, Arthur J. Leary, Jr. purchased the home to become the Country Squire Furniture Shop. Over the course of five decades and numerous additions, the building grew to its current 14,000 square foot size.

Leary’s daughter, Kate Gourde, now owns Cooper’s Commons. The Gourdes

have completely renovated the building and brought it up to code with handicapped accessibility while maintaining every effort to maintain the charm and character of the original design allowing the woodwork and details, such as hardwood floors, to remain. The original staircase in the oldest part of the building is now home to the “Colleen Hall,” where the Agawam St. Patrick’s Parade Committee can keep on display the portraits of Colleens both past and present.

Wall space in the common areas of the building has been offered as complimentary gallery space to the members of the Agawam community artists. For more information on the ACAA, contact Ceil Rossi at ceilrossi@yahoo.com.

Several businesses now share space in the two buildings. For more information about Cooper’s Commons, call 413-297-4597, or go to www.cooperscommons.com.

Hidden Treasures Gift Shop, located at 143 Main St. Agawam, a unique hand-crafted gift and gourmet food store that supports local artists and vendors, is again collecting gifts for its annual Stocking for Soldiers campaign.

This year, in addition to accepting filled Christmas stockings from the public, owner Laura Albano is looking for help from area groups, organizations, businesses, and politicians. It is also an opportunity for a service project for area Scouts and church youth groups.

The USO has agreed to again ship the stockings to our troops overseas, but assistance is needed with organizing and

sifting through collected items. In addition, the collections must be transported to a reserve base in Agawam for storage and to Westover for shipment.

A kick-off event for volunteers will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Hidden Treasures. Informational packets will be handed out. Refreshments will be served, a raffle entry will be given for each large bag of donated items and there will be a preview of holiday items. The deadline for final collection of filled stockings is Nov. 11.

For more information, contact Albano at (413) 244-3965 or email hidd34@comcast.net.

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Opinion

Golf management walk-out perplexing

This page previously praised the decision of the Agawam City Council to move from launching an investigation into the golf course to having a workshop where all the parties could get together, exchange information and ask some questions.

Even Council Vice President Dennis Perry, a co-sponsor of the investigation resolution, said the connotation of an investigation is upsetting when it is presented.

But after Monday night's response to the workshop format from the management at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, the city council may not have any option but to pursue a formal investigation. Even with the special session called by Mayor Richard Cohen for tonight, the council may decide they want to look deeper into the financial issues of the golf course.

What is a little hard to understand is how this situation became adversarial.

The city council, as said by several of its members, are the "stewards" of the taxpayers' money. We have checks and balances for a reason in government. The council saw a need to look into a situation, and the golf management seemed to take offense or feel attacked at some point in the process.

Attorney Mike Wallace, who represents the administrative union and accompanied golf management to this meeting, said his clients showed up of their own volition and were not going to be attacked. Wallace also said asking what he described as "interrogatory" questions is not a "back door to an investigation." It will be interesting to see the questions that were posed in a memorandum by the city councilors once the information is released a bit later this week.

It's really confusing to sit at this meeting and find any rationale in what Wallace is saying and why he and his clients walked out. This was supposed to be a peaceful exchange of information so the council could have a better understanding of the losses the golf course had incurred.

Having sat through numerous meetings of planning boards, selectmen, and councils, when you ask questions of a department head, they usually answer the questions in written form. That department head then comes to a meeting and can elaborate on the materials presented. Why couldn't golf course management go over a packet of nearly 60 pages they gave to the councilors on the same night?

Several members of the city council have gone on record and said they support the golf course and they want it to succeed. Members of the city council also have golfed there. They supported spending \$300,000 in taxpayer money to purchase the golf carts.

And granted, business is up this year with comparable rises in revenue from month to month. In June, there was a 40 percent rise in business compared to the previous June. Rises of 20 percent each were recorded in July in August, and an approximately 15 percent rise in September. That's all great.

But that does not change the deficits in three of the past years and the questions these councilors have. These are questions councilors want to get answered for the people they represent, the same people who had to help subsidize the loss in the golf course budget this year when the golf course is supposed to be a self-sustaining entity of the town.

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Letters to the Editor

DiSanti calls for more drug treatment centers

To the Editor:

The disease of opiate addiction is everywhere and affects almost every family, but it is talked about rarely in public. It has no social or economic boundaries. Many addicts and their families fight through the process of first being in denial, too afraid and ashamed to ask for help because of the stigma of addiction. As a veteran I know firsthand of many US service men and woman returning home from combat addicted to opiate drugs.

This must be our moral obligation. We need more beds at existing facilities as well as an increase in accessibility for those who need treatment. We need additional long-term treatment programs to be developed in order to address the problem with further successful rehabilitation. Detoxification is only the first step in opiate addiction treatment.

We need to achieve a positive outcome in order to affectively treat and prevent our children and families from suffering from this disease. Awareness is the first step and in this regard we need to get off the bench and spread the message that we no longer are willing to put this on the back burner, but instead we will develop preventive treatment bills for our children and families. Success needs to be our only option.

Sam DiSanti

Democratic candidate for State Representative to represent Agawam, Southwick and Granville

Local support makes Harvest Festival a success

To the Editor:

The Agawam Rotary Club and the Agawam YMCA will like to express their deepest thanks and appreciation to the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to help us have a great Harvest Festival raffle. The proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Agawam Rotary Club scholarship fund and the Agawam YMCA. We would like to thank the YMCA for their one year family membership, The Ranch Golf Club, Charles and Susan Alvanos, Oakridge Country Club, Colonial Forastiere Funeral home, Stickley Furniture, Storowton Tavern, Agawam Municipal Golf Course, State Senator Don Humason, State Representative Nick Boldyga, T. Russo Jr. Construction, David Northup Electrical Contractors, Allied Flooring and Paint, Anthony Roberts, the Parthenon Restaurant Agawam, Westfield Bank and Easthampton Bank. It is great to have so many businesses and individuals to support us so that we can have a raffle with over three thousand dollars in cash and prizes. The tickets are already on sale now and can be purchased at the new YMCA and from any Rotary Club member. They will also be sold all day during our Harvest

Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Thank you all for your support and we will see you at the festival. Be sure to bring your family and friends.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam Rotary Club

Leahy asks for state Senate vote

To the Editor:

My name is Patrick Leahy and I am running for State Senate in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire district. I feel our district deserves to be represented by someone with a strong work ethic, a family that encouraged public service from an early age, and a deeply held belief that all people should be treated equally and fairly. I believe I can be that representation. My experience in serving the community started at an early age with a high-school job at the Holyoke's Soldier's home working with our veterans. I then went on to work in the State Treasurer's office, with Shannon O'Brien in Boston, where I helped open the funds back up and put safeguards in place to prevent fraud and corruption, saving the commonwealth millions. After a successful career in the private sector, I was able to realize my goal of becoming a union police officer in my hometown of Holyoke. Over the past 10 years, I have become a decorated officer, working with local schools on anti-bullying campaigns, leading the walking school bus and teaching first-responder classes. I live in Holyoke with my brilliant wife, Melissa, and our much loved baby daughter, Diane. I am a lifelong Holyoke resident and I understand that in order to improve our community, we need to roll up our sleeves, get involved, and get to work. In addition to serving as a community and neighborhood Police Officer, I also serve as a member of the Holyoke Public Library Board of Directors; as an avid history reader myself, helping encourage early childhood literacy is a priority of mine. I have also been a licensed Realtor for the past two years and am no stranger to the challenges and successes of running a small business. Running for the office of State Senator is a natural progression for me. I know that the 2nd Hampden/Hampshire district is made up of many voices and that the needs of Western Massachusetts come first, regardless of party. I see first-hand how legislation directly affects the people that I work to protect and must reflect the core values of our community. I understand the needs of the district from the street up. I am ready to take all of my knowledge, compassion, and experience to Beacon Hill.

For the voice that represents our values and priorities, I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 4 for State Senator of the 2nd Hampden/Hampshire District.

Patrick Leahy



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Pumpkin Bread Pudding

It seems to me that even those who hate to cook start bringing out the bakeware at the first sign of the leaves changing color. Anything ‘pumpkin’ is always inviting to me and although I have several pumpkin recipes, I am a very busy woman and therefore the ‘no bake’ recipes are the ones I go to first. If I have time, I will bake my ‘Pumpkin Coffee Cake’ then use a portion of it for this recipe. But this time of year, it is not difficult to find a pumpkin muffin in any grocery store or donut shop. If you are unable to find one, I have substituted with a bran or cinnamon raisin muffin, or gingerbread. I have also had success with pumpkin donuts.

As you know my specialty is cooking for only two, but this recipe can be doubled or tripled very easily. If you plan to prepare this for a crowd, remember that yields two very large portions and doubling it would probably be sufficient for six or even eight people. If you want to make a lovely presentation for a crowd, try layering the dessert in a trifle bowl by adding more whipped topping between the pumpkin mixture. But when bringing this dessert to a pot luck dinner, or any party where multiple servings are needed, I like to divide the mixture into short plastic tumblers (with the whipped topping as a garnish) and transfer them to the event in a large box cover. People seem to appreciate a dessert with individual servings, and the hostess will not need to think about making sure your serving bowl is returned. Remember that this dessert needs to be refrigerated.



TABLE FOR TWO
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Pumpkin Bread Pudding

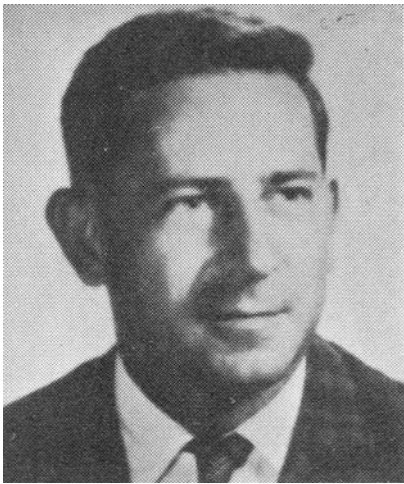
- 1 large (5 oz.) pumpkin muffin
- 1 tsp. brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ginger
- Pinch of ground cloves
- 5 T. vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1/4 C. milk
- 3/4 C. canned pumpkin
- 2/3 C. whipped topping

Freeze muffin for about 30-45 minutes. (This will make it easier to cut without crumbling.) Cut muffin into cubes (about 1/2”) and set aside. In a medium bowl, blend brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and instant pudding mix with a wire whisk. Add milk and pumpkin and mix until smooth. Fold in muffin cubes and spoon mixture evenly into 2 water goblets. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours and top each serving with whipped topping before serving. Yield: 2 servings.

NOTES: You may substitute 3/4 tsp. of pumpkin pie spice for the cinnamon, ginger, and cloves. If this seems to produce a little more than you might like for one sitting, divide this recipe into 4 sherbet or martini glasses and you will have dessert for two nights.

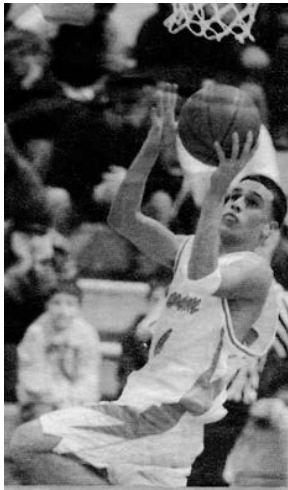
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Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to tkane@turley.com.

Last week’s photo depicted Tim Culhane.



Flu clinic to be offered

AGAWAM - The Agawam Health Department will offer a general flu clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Health Department, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Times are by appointment, and available times are between 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$20. Please bring your insurance cards; no Connecticut plans will be accepted. To make an appointment call 413-786-0400.

The Agawam Health Department will have a flu clinic for seniors over 65 years old on Oct. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam. Bring all insurance cards.

Find out more about Agawam Family and Community Program

AGAWAM - The Agawam Family and Community Program will be teaming up with Best Life Food Ministry at the Rotary Club’s Harvest Festival. The festival will be held on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans’ Green, Phelps School. In addition to sharing program information and available local services and supports for local families, the Agawam Family and Community Program will be passing out free books to children and collecting non-perishable food items. Best Life Food Ministry is Agawam’s only food pantry member of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. The need for food continues to grow among families within our own community. This is a great opportunity to support our local food pantry to provide much-needed support to local families. Best Life Food Ministries is located at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam. This program is open to the public. Contact 413-789-2930 for hours of operation.

Walters to be featured at TVAA meeting

AGAWAM - The Tobacco Valley Artists Association (TVAA) will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Featured artist is Alexandra Walters who will demonstrate the medium of colored pencil. Walters has received awards for her

colored pencil and pastel artwork. She also teaches classes and gives private art lessons at her studio, Serendipity Art Studio at the Indian Orchard Mills, Indian Orchard. The public is welcome to attend. TVAA serves professional and amateur artists throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Golden Agers set trip to New York Opera

AGAWAM - The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter Two is hosting a trip to The New York Metropolitan Opera at the Lincoln Center in New York City, seeing both Pagliacci and Cavalleria Rusicana, Saturday, April 25, 2015. The Opera House has been done over to include screens to show the translation into English of all operas. This trip is open to the public. Seating is limited, so sign up early to reserve a seat. The cost will be \$188 a person and includes transportation, reserved theater seating and gratuities.

For reservations or more information, contact Art Usher at 786-3567.

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Golf course management walks out on workshop

GOLF, from page 1

Johnson, Vice President Dennis Perry, and Gina Letellier had sought an investigation by the council into the business practices of the golf course because the course had operated at a loss for three of the past four years.

The losses caused the course to burn through their reserve fund and in fiscal year 2015, the town was forced to supplement the golf course budget with taxpayer money from the general fund. The golf course is supposed to be a self-sustaining entity of the town.

Letellier told Wallace the purpose of the workshop was to answer the questions posed by the council. She said the council was seeing the packet for the first time. Wallace began raising his voice, and said the questions and the workshop are a back door for conducting an investigation.

“This is about finding out why the numbers are the way they are,” said Letellier.

Wallace said he refused to allow the council to attack his clients, and before the councilors were even able to ask any specific questions, Wallace, Roberto, and Shea walked out. Their departure caught the council by surprise.

Cohen responded to their departure Tuesday afternoon, exercising Agawam Home Rule Charter Section 3-5 to call a special meeting of the city council tonight, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the golf course.

“I was hopeful the workshop that was held on Sept. 29 would satisfy the questions that had risen,” said Cohen, who did not attend the workshop. “Unfortunately, I understand that the workshop did not close the issue.”

Johnson said the course management’s behavior was typical of the treatment the council has received when trying to get answer about the deficits the course has been running with.

“We are stewards of the taxpayers’ money and we have a responsibility to the people to explain why they have to make up for the losses of the golf course,” said Johnson. “We have been asking these questions for a while and we keep getting a tap dance around the answers.”

Letellier said the council should take the investigation resolution off the table at their regular meeting Monday night and approve an investigation. She was very surprised by the behavior of the management and Wallace.

“We wanted this to be a discussion and try to get some answers,” said Letellier. “We have legitimate questions and this is not a witch hunt. We were just looking to have a conversation.”

Johnson said any business that runs at a loss three out of four years would raise questions. He criticized Roberto for walking out of the meeting.

“We agreed to hold this workshop so we could talk about this issue amicably,” said Johnson. “He provided us with that information. He ought to be able to sit and talk with us about it.”

One of Letellier’s biggest questions was about \$40,000 worth of pro shop merchandise that is not accounted for as either a loss or items that were liquidated at a loss.

“I don’t understand why it was being sold at a loss and or why it was liquidated for pennies on the dollar as I have heard,” said Letellier. “Either way, we don’t have it here on the financial information.”

Councilors Donald Rheault and Joseph Mineo have both visited the golf course and made inquiries about the pro shop merchandise. Mineo said he asked for a breakdown of what was liquidated and why.

Councilors Paul Cavallo and George Bitzas both expressed disappointment over the adversarial stance taken by the golf management.

“I don’t think the attorney was necessary,” said Cavallo. “And while we have this material presented to us, I still need him (Roberto) here to answer questions.”

The complete report submitted by the golf course management was not immediately available for release by press time, but was scheduled to be released yesterday, after press time.

Cohen said he has advised Roberto to cooperate fully with the council at tonight’s meeting.

Genealogy class to be offered

AGAWAM - Advanced Genealogy and Family History Research with Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., for five sessions on Wednesday afternoons beginning Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees should have at least the basics and have experience in genealogical research to participate. Learn how to glean every bit of information from census records, vital records, wills, deeds, military pension records and many other valuable resources. We’ll talk about organizing data, what to do next, how to “interview” relatives, fine tuning research strategies such as “crafting” a search and what sites are valuable.

Individuals can enroll for \$95 with discounts for 2 or more. Class is limited to 10 participants. For more information, visit www.oldbones.info or contact Dave Robison for details at dave@oldbones.info.

Water-damaged properties set for cleanup

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ceive water service from this pipeline.

The damage occurred on Aug. 14 when the water main broke, and more than five million gallons of water began flowing down Provin Mountain, causing massive overflows to a nearby stream in Feeding Hills.

The flooding washed up that was nearly four-feet high in the yards of two residents. One of them, Cameron Sours, showed video footage of the damage to his property. He simply asked for the damages to be corrected. Further, he will be seeking compensatory damages to repair his cellar floor. He claims the massive flooding came in his yard and also leaked into his basement, warping the floor.

Sours’ yard will be repaired by CDM Smith, Inc. of Cambridge. The firm was contracted by Springfield Water and Sewer. For the entire main break, CDM will be responsible for the task of sediment removal from the yards, tree root restoration, lawn restoration and restoring the stream banks that were washed out. The work was scheduled to start immediately.

CDM told the Conservation Commission the work should be completed sometime in mid-November, before the ground freezes.

Time is running out on the year, but CDM will be trying to immediately move the sediment that has washed up on the two yards so the yards can be re-seeded. CDM will be re-seeding the yards and ensure that the grass will grow back in the spring.

“All I want is for my home and yard to be the way that it was before this happened,” said Sours.

Kozloski cautioned CDM about using heavy equipment in order to not cause further disturbance to the wetlands. He says larger equipment could cause unnecessary damages. CDM Associate Dwight Dunk says he will be utilizing smaller machines when necessary to remove the sediment. Otherwise, rakes and shovels will be utilized by the work crew.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is involved with the project and will be working to protect the wetlands during the cleanup process.

Residents get first look at sidewalk improvements

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as his firm designs a proper sidewalk for the street. At the meeting, he told residents issues including handicapped access, proximity to the street, and damaged surfaces are among the many issues that are being addressed in the design.

“This entire sidewalk is being created with safety in mind,” said Miller.

Miller said in an online poll that Agawam was tied for last in a poll of walk-friendly towns in the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“We want to create a new sidewalk with a consistent surface that is user-friendly for everyone,” said Miller. “We want the elderly to be able to walk, disabled, blind and parents with their strollers.”

Miller gave a slideshow of the existing conditions. He showed several sidewalks that were only a couple of feet wide. He said the sidewalks will be four feet wide, allowing traffic to safely move both ways on the sidewalk. He said areas where the sidewalk is graded below surrounding surfaces will be raised, addressing puddles and drainage. The drainage issues have caused deterioration in some of the sidewalks.

He also said the new sidewalk will be a consistent surface.

“We will have concrete sidewalks the entire length,” said Miller. “We when did an assessment of the current conditions, we found there were sidewalks that were a mix of as-

phalt, concrete and gravel.”

Waterfield will be working with individual residents and business owners to address property issues and how the sidewalk goes in front of their property.

Loew said the block grant funding from 2013 will fund the design, but Agawam will have to apply for funding for the actual construction.

“It is possible the town will have to pair block grant funding with their own funds,” said Loew.

City Councilor Joseph Mineo, who lives in the Springfield Street area, said the town needs to have more money in the budget to address sidewalks. He said sidewalks on Springfield Street have not been addressed in about 40 years.

Miller added Springfield Street is prone to accidents because it is a very straight stretch of road, which leads to speeding.

“We are going to move the sidewalks in some places so they are not right against the roadside,” said Miller. “We will also be adding crosswalks and other safety features to increase pedestrian safety.”



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Between Sept. 23-29 the Agawam Fire Department responded to 71 EMS incidents. The fire department responded to five lockouts, one motor vehicle accident with no injuries, one cooking fire that was confined to a container, four motor vehicle accidents with injuries, one unauthorized burning, and one citizen complaint. They performed public service twice. They had one false alarm, one call where they were dispatched and it was cancelled en route, and one case where there was no incident found on arrival at the dispatch address. The Agawam Fire Department assisted other agencies twice.

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Oct. 6: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Avada Free Hearing Screening, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 1:30 p.m., Health New England Seminar; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: SHINE Representative Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise Class, Sewing Class, Knitting Class; 10 a.m., PACE; 11:30 a.m., Monthly Birthdays Celebrated; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“The Adams Family”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Oct. 9: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Check by Nurse Sherry, Pitch, Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Oct. 10: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold; 7 p.m., ACC Free Show, “Argiro Quintet” at Senior Center.

Lunch menu

Monday, Oct. 6: Roast chicken cacciatore, pasta with sauce, apples.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Pasta fagirole, ham and cheese on whole-wheat, lettuce and tomato, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Hamburg gravy over mashed potatoes, dilled carrots, diced pears.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Cinnamon French toast, sausage patty, orange juice, muffins, mixed fruit.

Friday, Oct. 10: Potato-crustured baked fish, au gratin potatoes, green beans, pudding.

City Council meeting agenda

- Roberta G. Doering School**
68 Main St.
Monday, Oct. 6
7 p.m.
- A. Roll Call
B. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
C. Citizen’s Speak Time
D. Minutes
1. Regular Council Meeting - Sept. 15, 2014
E. Declaration from Council President
F. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials & Remonstrances
1. TR-2014-30 - Resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Agawam City Council to initiate an investigation of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course pursuant to Section 2-11 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter (Councilors Letellier, Johnson and Perry) (Referred to Community Relations Committee) (Tabled 9/15/14 pending 9/29/14 workshop)
G. Report of Council Committees
H. Elections
I. Public Hearings
1. PH-2014-6 (ZC-2014-2)- Petition for Zone Change for 105 Rowley Street, Agawam as submitted by Attorney Michael D. Parker on behalf of Carole A. D’Amato, guardian for James J. D’Amato Referred to Legislative Committee) (Public Hearing Continued 9/15/14)
2. PH-2014-7 (ZC-2014-3)- Petition for Zone Change for South West Street, Feeding Hills as submitted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. on behalf of DCJ Realty, LLC - Public Hearing Set for October 20, 2014 (Referred to Planning Board and Legislative Committee) (Tabled 9/15/14)
- J. Old Business
1. TOR-2014-5- An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam to add Section 49-9 entitled Use of Municipal Vehicles (Councilors Donald Rheault and Robert Rossi) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 9/15/14)
2. TOR-2014-6 (ZC-2014-1)- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Article XIV entitled Personal Wireless Services Facilities and Towers Chapter 180 ¶180-94 (2 of 2 Readings)
3. TOR-2014-7- An Ordinance to amend certain fees in the Park and Recreation Department (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings)
4. TOR-2014-8- An Ordinance to amend certain fees in the Park and Recreation Department (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings)
- K. New Business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment

Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

AGAWAM - The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, Nov. 2. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver’s tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134.

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The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. on behalf of DCJ Realty, LLC for a proposed Zone Change Plan for South West Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The Zone Change request is to change the parcel(s) from Agricultural and Residence A2 to Business A in its entirety. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.
BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
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**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD14P1953EA
Estate of: Gary C. St. Hill
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**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD14P1836EA
Estate of: John Thomas
Kukowski, Sr.**

**Also Known As: John T. Kukowski, Sr.
Date of Death: 7/7/14
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Harnett E Barnes** of Wilbraham MA.
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under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/2/14

**Commonwealth of
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD14P1820EA
Estate of:
Margaret Mary Meiers
Date of Death:
April 01, 2014
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard G. Meiers** of Feeding Hills MA
Richard G. Meiers of Feeding Hills MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
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administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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ACC meeting open to the public

AGAWAM - The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.
A great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.
The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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Agawam business rounds up new Mustang for Big E exhibit

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications Correspondent

Megan and Jason Audet are huge fans of Ford Mustangs.

“Mustangs are my favorite car,” Megan said. “I just like the way they look. They’re very appealing.”

The Audets make it a tradition to attend The Big E during its annual Salute to Agawam day. One of the first stops for the Agawam couple was the Young Building where two Mustangs – a classic 1965 hardtop coupe and a pre-production 2015 fastback coupe – were displayed.

The Mustangs were part of a special exhibit created by The Big E to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1964-65 New York World’s Fair. The Mustang debuted at the Ford Pavilion at that world’s fair a half century ago, April 17, 1964.

The exhibit about the historical fair also featured more than 250 pieces of artifacts and souvenirs, including a scale model of the Ford Pavilion and vast amounts of Ford memorabilia.

Following its introduction at that world’s fair, the Mustang quickly became one of the most popular cars in the world. More than 9 million Mustangs have been sold during the past 49 years. The original “pony car,” it’s one of just a few vehicles in continuous production for 50 years.

The iconic car has gained a worldwide base of avid fans, including Jason Audet.

“I’ve never owned a Mustang, but I like its muscle car aspect,” said Audet as he showed his son 20-month old son Ryder the 2015 Mustang. “I love the way the new one looks, but I’m partial to classic Mustangs.”

When The Big E decided to incorporate a 1965 Mustang into the exhibit, Eastern States Exposition President Eugene Cassidy wanted to make the exhibit more exciting by displaying a 2015 Mustang to recognize the car’s five decades of production.

John Juliano, special events director for The Big E, thought it would be “a shot in the dark” to get a new Mustang. His first action was to call Jack Sarat – an Agawam native and principal owner of Sarat Ford Lincoln in Agawam. When Jack and Jeff Sarat, his son and the dealership’s general manager, met with Juliano and Cassidy in late Janu-

ary, they learned about The Big E’s goal of getting a 2015 Mustang for the world fair exhibit.

“I knew it would be a tight timeline since Ford would be ramping up production for new Mustangs around the time of The Big E,” said Sarat.

He contacted Ford Motor Company about The Big E’s request.

“I told Ford representatives that The Big E attracts more 1 million visitors each year and that 200,000 to 300,000 people would see the exhibit,” he said. “Ford quickly realized how significant this request was and how much public exposure it could bring for the new Mustang.”

What Ford delivered to The Big E was a pre-production, 50-Year Limited Edition Mustang. It was displayed prominently alongside an original 1965 Mustang. Both were painted Wimbledon White – the color of the first-ever Mustang, serial No. 0001.

“It was a big deal to get a new Mustang,” Juliano said. “But it wouldn’t have happened if Jack and Jeff hadn’t pitched in to make it a reality. We can’t thank them enough.”

Juliano added that it was significant that two longtime companies – the Big E operating for 98 years in West Springfield and the Sarat dealership in business for 85 years in Agawam – that are within walking distance of each other could work together.

He credits the Sarats for making the process work “seamlessly.” The cost to ship the Mustang from Michigan was \$10,000. Jack Sarat was instrumental in convincing the association that represents nearly 140 New England Ford dealers to pay for the shipping costs.

The pre-production Mustang is used at auto shows and for promotional purposes. While it resembles a production model, Sarat said it will never be sold to the public.

“It was an unusual and tough request to fulfill,” said Sarat. “We were lucky to get the car.” Sarat and Juliano said having the new Mustang at the exhibit was “a win-win” for Ford and The Big E.

“It made for a great display,” said Sarat.

Juliano said the display gave car enthusiasts and fairgoers the opportunity to appreciate the history behind the Mustang and its significance to the 1964-65 New York World’s Fair.



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Jason Audet and his 20-month-old son Ryder take a close look at a pre-production 2015 Ford Mustang on display at The Big E as a 1965 Mustang rotates on a turntable in the background. The Big E celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1964-65 New York World’s Fair – where the original Mustang debuted - with an exhibit that included the Mustangs and more than 250 pieces of the fair’s artifacts and souvenirs.

Library announces ‘Mother Goose’ programs for children

AGAWAM - The Agawam Public Library has announced the following schedule of fall programs for children. All programs are free, but registration is required unless noted and may be done by going to www.agawamlibrary.org.

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early-literacy program for children from birth to age 3 with a grown-up. The program incorporates books, rhymes, finger plays, music, movement, and child-parent interaction.

Mother Goose on the Loose for Tiny Tots: Mondays, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 19 to 28 months.

Mother Goose on the Loose Lapsit for Babies: Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. For ages birth to

18 months (no siblings).

Mother Goose on the Loose for Terrific Toddlers: Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 29 to 36 months.

PJ Storytime: Wednesdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 6 p.m. For children ages 3 to 5. Wear your PJs if you like! Enjoy a 30-minute evening storytime with stories, music, and a simple craft.

Preschool Storytime: Mondays, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 3 and older. Enjoy stories, music, and a simple craft followed by 30 minutes of playtime.

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After leading The Big E parade, Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen (far left) joined several Agawam town officials and representatives to watch the parade from atop the fair's administration building.

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since 1989 – drew a record crowd of nearly 90,000 visitors this year. Many Agawam residents there that day said they’ve made coming to the fair a tradition.

Sharing the fair’s sights and sounds

Katina and Marlow Frogameni have savored the fair’s sights and sounds since they were children. The young couple now shares their enjoyment with daughter Adeline, 2½.

“I used to come for the fries, fritters and chowder,” Marlow said. “Then I’d take off. Now, it’s more about Adeline and doing stuff with her.”

Marlow was helping Adeline finish chicken tenders at the Agawam Lions Club – which has been feeding fairgoers since 1961.

“This fair is great – we come every year -- there’s lots of stuff to do,” said Katina. “There are many memories here, too. I remember marching in the parade when I was in high school.”

The Frogamenis usually come for the day and spend several hours. After they finished eating, they headed to the petting zoo.

“Adeline loves animals,” said her mother.

Fun-filled fair days

Each year, best friends Mary McCormack and Jan Flynn enjoy several “full, fun-filled days” at the fair.

“I’m glad to be here on Agawam’s special day, but I can’t believe the fair is almost over,” said McCormack, who has lived in Agawam for 16 years.

Arriving early in the morning, they planned to stay until about 8 p.m.

“We like walking around to see what’s new, what’s old, watching people, and eating some food,” added McCormack. She’s been a fairgoer since she was a child.

Flynn calls The Big E “a tradition.” As a youngster, the Agawam native who now lives in Enfield came every year after school.

“We loved coming here,” she said. “Some of us would sneak in by the river dike – the boys would hold the fence and the girls would scoot under it.”

Working the potato line

Jane Bilodeau has what many people might consider one of The Big E’s best jobs: Serving potatoes in the Maine Building.

“The Big E has been part of my life for a long time,” said the retired Agawam resident. “I started working here when I was a teenager.”

Bilodeau, who has been employed at numerous locations over the years, said she especially enjoys serving spuds. She’s spent the past 10 fairs working Maine’s potato line.

“It’s great,” she said. “I’m out of the weather, but the best part of my job is seeing all the repeat customers. They come back every year for our potatoes.”

Making a big buzz with honey

Jim and Pearl Stefanik were as busy as bees at The Big E as fairgoers swarmed the Massachusetts Building where the Agawam beekeepers sold honey products.

Beekeepers for 20 years, the Stefaniks have volunteered at the Hampden County Beekeepers Association’s booth for the past 15 years.

“What we sell here makes enough money to run our organization for the year,” Jim said.

The association runs classes, provides speakers, educates the public about bees and beekeeping, and markets honey products. “We answer many questions at the booth about beekeeping and give out a lot of information about the

bee school,” said Pearl Stefanik. “People think we just make and sell jars of honey or candy, but we also have other honey products, such as hand cream and lip balm.”

A mascot’s ‘eyes and ears’

Denise Gilbert had just one word to describe her time at The Big E: Fun. For the past seven years the Agawam resident has been the “eyes and ears” for the fair’s mascot, BiggiE. Gilbert escorts and guides the person inside the bear costume around the fairgrounds.

“Everyone is very happy to meet BiggiE, so I meet a lot of people,” she said. “It’s fun, and the best thing about my job.”

Gilbert said when Agawam’s special day rolls around each year it’s like a homecoming for her.

“There are many people I know from town and I recognize many of the town’s businesses and organizations that are in the parade,” she said. “It’s a special day for me.”



Dean and Ken Bell enjoyed the Storrorwton Tavern’s outdoor bar and patio during The Big E’s Salute to Agawam day.



Best friends Mary McCormack (left) of Agawam and Jan Flynn – an Agawam native now living in Enfield – start off their “fun-filled” day at The Big E by shopping in the Craft Common.



Rick Seldomridge and wife Jody, along with daughters Kyle, 9, Ashley, 13, and son Gavin, 10 (not visible), stopped by the Hampden County Beekeepers Association’s booth in The Big E’s Massachusetts Building. The Granny’s Place owner chats with fellow Agawam resident and beekeeper Jim Stefanik (far left), a volunteer at the booth.



Agawam YMCA Advisory Board members Betty Grimaldi (left) and Angela Vatter were at The Big E to encourage Agawam residents to join the YMCA that recently opened in town.



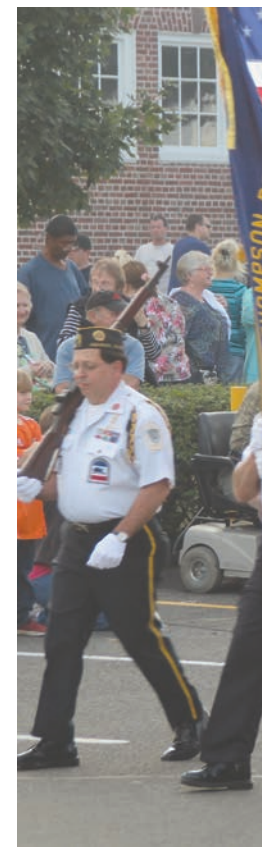
Members of the AHS color guard practice their routines before performing in The Big E’s parade to honor Agawam.



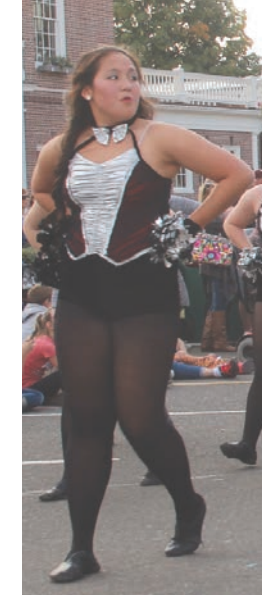
Nina Liquori, Hope G. and Jessica D'Amore special day for Agawam.



This antique Ford truck was in the Big E parade that honored Agawam.



The color guard from the Agawam High School marching band passes the Massachusetts Building during the parade.



Members of The Agawam High School marching band perform during The Big E parade.



Delaney Brown, Meredith Ravizza
came to The Big E to celebrate the fair's
and to show support for their town.



Waiting to serve some barbequed chicken at the Agawam Lions
"den" at The Big E are (l to r) Cindy Popowski, Terry August
and Beth Davis. The Agawam Lions have been feeding fairgoers
since 1961.



needed a push after it apparently broke down during The
Agawam.



Young girls from The Academy of Artistic Per-
formance Dance Studio showed off their talents
for fairgoers as The Big E parade headed down
the Avenue of States.



Agawam's Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185
Massachusetts Building as The Big E parade to honor Agawam be-
lieve fairgrounds.



American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam
Chair Janine Iacolo (left) and her daughter
Kate were among several members of the Re-
lay's leadership team who marched and rode in
The Big E parade for the first time.



Agawam residents Sue (left) and Carole Ramponi
served as volunteers at the information desk
in The Big E's New England Center Building.



Jim and Pearl Stefanik - Agawam residents
and beekeepers - pose with some of the honey
products for sale at the Hampden County Bee-
keepers Association's booth in The Big E's Mas-
sachusetts Building.



Eastern States Exposition President Eugene
Cassidy (right) presented Frank and Millie Mazzie
with the Friend of the Big E award to recognize
their longstanding support. The Agawam couple
has been coming to the fair for 81 years. At left
is Dianne Vecchiarelli, their daughter.



Academy of Artistic Performance Dance Studio made a striking formation
to honor Agawam.



Agawam cheerleaders were hard to miss in their bright orange uniforms during
The Big E parade.

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SPORTS

Agawam shuts down Cathedral

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys soccer team had no difficulty dispatching the Cathedral Panthers last Thursday afternoon as they picked up a 5-0 shutout at Harmon A. Smith Field.

The Brownies have been scoring with more regularity this season, though they had run through some difficult games and had lost three straight. The dominant victory was much-needed as Agawam heads toward another difficult part of their regular season schedule.

“We definitely needed a good win to help us get going again,” said coach Tom Smith. “We also need to make sure we are winning games that we should be winning during the season.”

Since the June 1, 2011 tornado, Cathedral has struggled in several sports. Last week was no different as Agawam jumped out to a lead 6:00 into the game.

Agawam attacked Cathedral relentlessly, with several good crosses and headers aimed at the goal.

Stephen Mateus nailed a cross from Luis Nieves, but Cathedral’s goalkeeper fielded the shot to keep it 1-0.

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Luis Nieves tries to get in front of a Cathedral midfielder and stop the ball from moving up the field.



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Ryan Lynch tees off for the Agawam High School Athletic Association golf tournament.

Tournament tradition continues at Oak Ridge

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School athletic community got together for the 20th time to show support for the players, coaches, parents, and administration with their Annual Golf Tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Course.

Agawam High School Athletics Director Dave Stratton says

the golf tournament has been a longtime tradition each fall and is a gathering of supporters from all facets of high school athletics in town.

“People really look forward to this event every year,” said Stratton. “We get a lot of people that come back and take part.”

Stratton said the 84 players that take part in the tournament range from current to past coaches,

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Brownies at top of leaderboard

Won 10 of 11 matches to open season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It’s been a great year for the Agawam golf team, which has jumped out to a 10-1 record and was the first team to qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

Agawam suffered just their first loss of the regular season last Friday afternoon as they made up a rained out match against Minnechaug. Minnechaug prevailed on their home course 163-166.

Agawam has done a very good job adjusting to the new scoring format, where this year the top four scores are counted instead of the top six. But Minnechaug managed to get an edge thanks to a great round on their home course.

Stephen Hunt and Bobby Trem-

blay scored 38 and 40 to lead all scorers, respectively. Agawam’s best scores came from Matteo Godek with a 40 and Zach Cir-costa with a 41.

Prior to that, Agawam had been on a tear, dominating opponents by very health margins. Last Wednesday afternoon, Agawam defeated Northampton 151-190 on their home course of Crestview Coun-

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Spartans escape Agawam with victory

Montagna tallies first career goal

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The momentum from Alyssa Montagna’s first varsity career goal was unfortunately not enough for the Brownies to get past East Longmeadow in girls soccer action last Friday night.

The Spartans continued to give Agawam headaches as they escaped Harmon A. Smith Field with a 4-3 victory under the lights.

After scoring just a few minutes into the game, Agawam was

able to take control on possession and started to take some shots on goal.

Agawam’s Sarah Carron made a great play on the right side with about 29:00 to go in the first half. She took possession of the ball and went up the far right side. She started to curve toward the goal and faked out a pair of East Longmeadow defenders with a stutter step. She then dribbled a bit more and shot on target to get the ball by Hannah Mooney and tie the game 1-1.

With some injuries causing

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Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Lindsay Wassung controls the ball on defense for Agawam.

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some depth issues during the past few games, Montagna, a freshman, was called up earlier in the week to make her varsity debut.

In her second game, she was in the thick of the action came up big in the first half. Alexandra Stuetzel was moving up the right side with the ball and got an opportunity to shoot the ball head-on. Her shot was so hard, it went off Mooney’s hands and Montagna followed the shot and kicked the loose ball into the open side of the net to give Agawam a 2-1 lead.

Unfortunately for the Brownies, East Longmeadow was able to tie the game with just seconds remaining in the first half.

Shannon Kennedy scored off a corner kick, making a perfect header going over the head of Agawam goalie Becca Uschmann.

With a 2-2 score at halftime, East Longmeadow was able to grab a pair of second half goals from Kennedy and Juliana Templeman to give the Spartans a 4-2 lead.

Agawam was able to attack the East Longmeadow goal a few more times, but had trouble making another connection until there was 5:00 left. Stuetzel took a pass from Allie Wysocki and scored to close the gap to 4-3. That was all Agawam would manage as they suffered their third straight loss.

Agawam also lost to Northampton and Belchertown in the past 10 days to drop to 2-4-2. They do hold a 1-1-2 league record.

Agawam will be back in action on Monday as they face West Springfield at Clark Field at 7 p.m.

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Sarah Carron takes a shot on goal for Agawam.



Midfielder Allie Wysocki clears the ball away.

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Lady Brownies support Mirski, Rays of Hope

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AGAWAM - The Agawam High School girls soccer teams dedicated their games played on Friday, Sept. 26 to the Rays of Hope and in memory of Susan Mirski.

There was a balloon release prior to the Agawam girls varsity soccer game to honor the memory of Susan Mirski and the girls wore “pink ribbon” soccer socks to show support for the Rays of Hope Walk that they will be participating in on Sunday, Oct. 19. Proceeds raised from the raffle done at this game on Friday will go towards the Rays of Hope and in memory of Susan Mirski.



Agawam Baseball Association doing fall baseball

AGAWAM - It may be fall time for football and soccer but don’t tell that to Brian Rheault and his AHS varsity baseball staff. Rheault and staff were out working with players this past weekend as part of Agawam Baseball Associations coming out party.

ABA has come on to the scene in Agawam as a instructional organization headed up by Rheault (youth director) and American Legion director Brian Regnier. ABA is forming travel baseball teams as part of an organization in place of the “independent” teams that has long been the norm in Agawam.

Teaching baseball and offering a positive baseball experience for Agawam players is the goal for ABA. Rheault knows that teams are formed not just from skills but from players being developed together and playing together.

“Having Brian as part of our organization is huge.” States ABA director Brian Regnier, “He is a great teacher of the game and will help out all the players in coaches in ABA and in turn he will get to see all the players coming up and help develop them as baseball players.”

ABA currently is fielding teams in the 8-10, 12-14, Mickey Mantle, Junior Legion and Senior Legion divisions as well as the AHS Fall Baseball team. The goal is to be able to offer travel baseball to all players in Agawam under the ABA umbrella. Regnier went on to say, “We are just starting out. We had some teams in place to get this going but it will take some time. We want to make sure the coaches and the players are being supported by the organization. Quality program is our goal and so far its going well.”

For more information on Agawam Baseball Association please see the web site at www.agawambaseball.com.



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With about 12:00 remaining in the first half, Anthony Sciartelli was able to move the ball to Kris Page. Page made a perfect shot from the top of the box and scored off the left post into the net to make it 2-0 Agawam.

In the second half, Brodie Keene notched a goal for the Brownies. He was able to make a couple of adjustments, switched up his feet to throw off the goalie, and made a delayed shot into the net to make it 3-0.

Keene would score again for the Brownies with about 13:00 remaining in the game. Agawam had taken advantage of an obstruction call to attack. Keene connected with the goal shortly after.

With 4:08 to go, a thru ball from Page met the foot of Kamer Nuhui. Nuhui was able to emerge in between two Cathedral defenders, took control of the ball and went to the goal, running about 15 yards and shooting low and past the goalie's dive to complete the Agawam scoring.

Alex Sours had an easy day for the Brownies, making four saves to get the shutout.

Smith said while he is pleased with the improvement from his team compared to last season's struggle to score, the team is keeping things in perspective.

"We are not getting ahead of ourselves," said Smith. "We still have nine more points to get. We need to take it one game at a time."

During the past week, Agawam suffered three straight losses. They were shut out by Minnechaug 2-0, and Ludlow and Westfield both by 3-2 scores.

Agawam faced West Springfield on Monday, another tough opponents, and they are scheduled to face Longmeadow at 4 p.m. Friday.

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Dan Korotich clears the ball out while under pressure.



Stephen Mateus tries to keep control of the ball while battling with a Cathedral defender.

COLLEGE
NOTES

Wheeler named CCC Player
of the Week

CHICOPEE - Nichols College senior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, shot 3-over par 75 to help the Bison finish fourth among 17 teams at the Elms College Blazer Invitational. Wheeler tied for fourth place among individuals as he was named Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Week.

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members of the administration, alumni, parents, and even current Agawam High golfers.

The tradition began with former athletics director Kathleen McSweeney, Stratton said. The tournament does not net a huge amount of money, but money raised is used to supplement the athletic department budget.

"Last year, we were able to afford to purchase all of the new cross country uniforms," said Stratton. "Things like that really help out because we have a limited budget like everyone else. We are very fortunate that we have a lot of people who support our athletes."

Over time, schools have also become largely responsible for providing quality trainer care for their athletes. Agawam is lucky enough to have a trainer, Tim Jacques, that operates a full training room and has a quality presence at all games.

Jacques, who participated in the tournament, says the tournament has been a great help to the trainer's room.

"We have been able to purchase a 'game-ready' machine and other items to outfit the trainer's room through this tournament," said Jacques. "It's really beneficial that we have this tournament to help us get those big-ticket items."

Stratton said the tradition has gotten so popular, golfers are often looking for the schedule near the fall.

"We start getting calls in the summer with people that are asking us when the tournament will be," said Stratton. "Sometimes people can't participate every year, but they support us with raffle prizes or sponsoring a hole."

All 18 holes had sponsors in this year's tournament.

Indoor and outdoor track coach Dan Pryce said he also teaches at Agawam. He participates in the tournament because it's all about the kids.

"I am here for these kids," said Pryce. "We have been able to get uniforms and needed equipment for these players."

Pryce said it is important that the coaches

Fund-raiser for
Agawam High
School boys soccer

AGAWAM - A tag sale will be held of gently used sports equipment related to all sports on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Dan Bishop watches his put head for the hole to try and get his team a birdie in the scramble-style format tournament that benefited the athletic department. Proceeds from the tournament for the past 20 years have helped buy equipment and uniforms for Agawam High sports teams.

take part in the tournament to show they support each other and the athletes.

"We want the other coaches to know we are here for them and that we want to give back to the community," said Pryce.

Bruce Bussiere, an assistant coach for the football team, said he wants to show that non-teacher coaches also supports the sports teams.

"It's really about unity among all the coaches, parents, and alumni," said Bussiere.

Among the other participants were boys lacrosse coach Joseph Heney, girls coach Carla Warner, and golf coach William L'Heureux.

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try Club.

The victory allowed Agawam to pick up their 10th win and guarantee them a spot as a team in the tournament.

Jeff Leclerc scored a low card of 37. Jon Farrell, a newcomer to the Brownies and having an excellent year, scored a 40. Eric Wolowicz had a 41 as did Matteo Godek to account for Agawam's scoring.

Northampton's lowest score came from Chris Soderberg, who only manage a 43.

Last Monday afternoon, Agawam again pulled in the top four scores to run away with the competition as they beat Central at Veterans Golf Course 159-202.

Wolowicz had a 36 to gain medalist honors. Cam Randall, Leclerc, Zach Circosta, Geoff Circosta, and A.J. Colson all had 41's. Central's lowest score was a 42.

Agawam holds a 2-1 record in the Valley

Wheel League and still has several difficult matches ahead of them as they move toward the end of the regular season, which concludes in just three short weeks.

Agawam faced rival Longmeadow a second time earlier this week. Agawam defeated Longmeadow in their opening match this season by nine strokes.

Agawam will also face Minnechaug and East Longmeadow one more time each. Agawam has already defeated West Springfield twice.

Agawam's success is attributed to great depth and a strong youth presence with freshman Farrell making a strong presence very early in his career. Wolowicz, Leclerc and Zach Circosta also have great varsity experience from the past few years.

Agawam will have their rematch against Minnechaug on Monday at 3 p.m. at Wilbraham Country Club.

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Elio H Scherpa, 91

BRUNSWICK, ME and AGAWAM, MA - Elio H Scherpa of Bath Road Brunswick, Maine and Scherpa Street Agawam, Mass. died surrounded by his loving family at age 91 on Wednesday Sept. 24 at Mid Coast Senior Health Center in Brunswick. He was born in Agawam, MA on May 30, 1923 the son of Augusto & Louisa Morini Scherpa. He attended Agawam schools and went on to trade school in Springfield to become a master machinist. On September 17, 1949, he married Mary A Crimmins who predeceased him in February 2004. Elio worked his entire career as a machinist and foreman, working on airplanes and space craft at Hamilton Standard, part of United Aircraft. He retired in 1987 and moved to Maine in 1999. He loved gardening, cooking and bird watching. He also enjoyed the cooks on TV and the history channel. He liked watching the news, reading daily newspapers



and magazines and was an interesting conversationalist. Elio was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Agawam and St Charles Church in Brunswick. Surviving is his beloved daughter, Sue Kelly and her husband Bill of West Bath, Maine. He is also survived by his four grandsons; Michael Kelly of Topsham, Jamie Kelly of Topsham, Johnny Kelly of Bowdoinham and Matty Kelly of West Gardiner. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St Charles Borromeo Church-All Saints Parish, Brunswick on Sept. 30. Burial, along with his wife Mary, will be in St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. in Agawam in the Scherpa family plot. Memorial donations may be made to CHANS Hospice, 60 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, ME, 04011. Arrangements are by Stetson's Funeral Home, 12 Federal St., Brunswick, where memorial condolences may be expressed at stetsonsfuneral-home.com.

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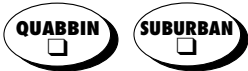
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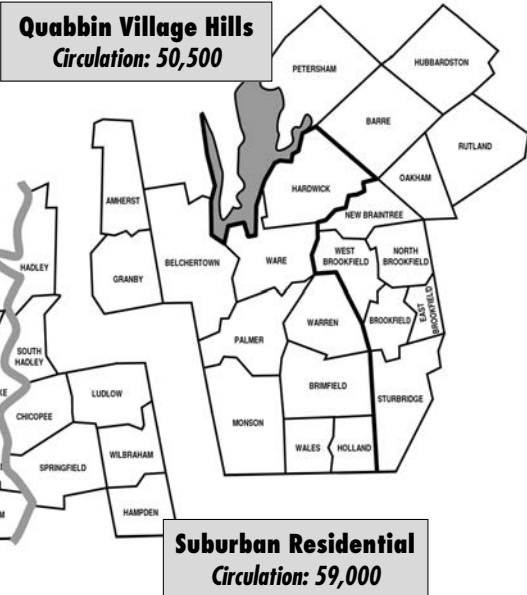
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Friday, Oct. 3

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM’S rooftop telescope will be open for public sky-gazing at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children 17 and under. The Museum is located at the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St., off Chestnut St. Free parking is available in the Edwards Street lots. For more information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 318.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN CINEMA will feature “Cinema Paradiso” at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the movie at 7 p.m. Requested donation is \$7 for members; \$10 for non-members, which includes a beverage and snack.

Saturday, Oct. 4

BOY SCOUT TROOP 185 will host a can and bottle drive. Drop off location is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other Scout functions. Rain date is Oct. 11.

THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day’s events will include a juried arts and crafts fair, book sale, raffles, an old-fashioned General Store and the Country Lunch Cafe. The public is invited.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will host a tag sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Spaces available. To reserve a space, call Marilyn at 786-1452, or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Apple Pie Contest from 1 to 4 p.m. To pre-register, which is required, call Marilyn at 786-1452 or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com. For more information and contest rules, visit thethomassmithhouse.com.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 760 Main St., Agawam, will host a tag sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS will host “An Evening of Hope and Recovery” gala dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Keynote speaker will be Kitty Dukakis, former Massachusetts First Lady and mental health advocate. For more information, visit www.namiwm.org or call (413) 426-0907 or (413) 244-5826.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays for the fall season. Located in Holyoke Heritage State Park, it is just a quick walk through the park from the Children’s Museum at Holyoke. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Sunday, Oct. 5

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Dave Carlson, focusing on “Architecture around the Quadrangle.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

DIXIELAND STOMP, a six-man group that performs traditional New Orleans Ragtime and Dixieland music, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St, Westfield. The public is invited.

TAG SALE of gently used sports equipment related to all sports from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 350 Main Street, the Allied Flooring and Paint parking lot. The sale will be a fundraiser for the Agawam High School boys’ soccer team.

Monday, Oct. 6

AUTHOR TALK with Katherine Howe at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Howe returns to the APL with two new exciting titles – Conversion and The Penguin Book of Witches. Call 789-1550 x4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org to register.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“The Adams Family”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Carol Hutter on viola, Mark Fraser on cello and Ellen Redman on flute at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or call 736-0766.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN’S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

Thursday, Oct. 9

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “The Power and the Glory: Ancient Egypt” featuring Amy S. Dane, art docent and world traveler, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Oct. 8 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S POPULAR APPLAUSE SERIES continues Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center with a performance by The Argiro Quintet and its program of music in the style of legendary jazz pianist George Shearing. The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. This and all Ap-

plause Series events are free and open to the public.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS. will present “Festa Italia, A Taste of Italy, Food & Wine,” Saturday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Cedars Banquet Hall, 375 Island Pond road, Springfield. For more information, visit www.iccwm.org.

SUSAN BRANCH, AUTHOR OF 14 BEST-SELLING “HEART OF THE HOME” lifestyle books, will be the guest speaker at the Westfield Library/Athenaeum, Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased by calling 413-568-4650 or email apkoerber@yahoo.com.

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Open to the public.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB of Agawam will hold their annual “Living Rosary” Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, located at 833 Main Street in Agawam. A brief meeting for the Catholic Women’s Club will follow in Parish Center, and refreshments will also be served.

THE TOBACCO VALLEY ARTISTS ASSOCIATION (TVAA) will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St, Agawam. Featured artist is Alexandra Walters who will demonstrate the medium of colored pencil. Public is welcome.

THE AGAWAM HEALTH DEPT will offer a general flu clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Health Department, 36 Main Street, Agawam. Times are by appointment, and available times are between 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$20. Bring your insurance cards; no Connecticut plans accepted. To make an appointment, call 413-786-0400.

THE AGAWAM HARVEST FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY, hosted by the Agawam Rotary Club, will take place Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Veterans Green. The day’s events will include a live DJ all day, car show,

music, food, crafts face painting, a bounce house and a giant slide. The public is invited. Admission is free. Rain date, Oct. 19.

HISTORIC TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will hold its Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to over 30 community vendors, there will be homemade baked goods and the ever-popular luncheon. Admission is free. The public is invited.


EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will present Jerry Noble, Smith College accompanist and composer, and Lynn Klock, saxophonist and bass clarinetist with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, in concert Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. at Skinner Memorial Chapel of the United Congregational Church of Holyoke. Suggested donation, \$10; \$5, students and seniors. For more information, visit www.uccholyoke.org or call (413) 532-1483.

SENIOR FLU CLINIC: The town of Agawam Health Department will have a flu clinic for seniors over 65 years old on Oct. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam. Bring all insurance cards.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will host a chicken and biscuit supper Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets, which are encouraged, are available for \$12 per person, \$6 for children. Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults; \$6 for children.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.



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Lynne Henry, left, receives the Host of the Day award at The Big E in West Springfield, from ESE President & CEO, Eugene J. Cassidy.

FEEDING HILLS – Lynne Henry, of Feeding Hills, was presented the Host of the Day award Sept. 24 by Eastern States Exposition President Eugene J. Cassidy. Henry has been a dedicated Big E employee, working in souvenirs, for the past 15 years.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair’s philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the exposition’s customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go “above and beyond the call” in their interactions with fairgoers. Henry was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this

year at The Big E.

Shereceived2014BigEcommemorative gifts and the new Host of the Day award, the “BiggiE,” at the surprise presentation. This new trophy is The Big E’s version of the Oscar sculpted in the likes of The Big E mascot. The ceremony was attended by fair officers, managers and co-workers. “Lynn is an exceptional, dedicated employee. She has been working souvenirs since 1999,” Souvenir Manager Ed Connor said. “She is great with people especially with the youth. The Big E is much better with her as an employee. I don’t know how I could have made it through this year without her help.”

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